

Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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Meeting Minutes of Rules and Regulations Committee

March 6th, 2019

Attendees:

Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman, Kent County Departments
Bethany Gingerella, Washington County Departments
Joseph DeAngelis, proxy for Joseph Lauro, RIACEP
Raymond Medeiros, RISAFF
Scott Partington, RIAFC
John Pliakas, ENA
John Potvin, RISAFF
James Richard, RISAFF
Jason Rhodes, Department of Health
Carolina Roberts-Santana, Department of Health
Randy Watt, Newport County Departments

Others Present:

Dr. Nick Asselin
Lisa Tomasso, HARI
Eric Rossmeisl, Department of Health

- 1) Establishment of Quorum** – 11 Members present
- 2) Call to Order** at 10:07 hours by Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman
- 3) Review / Consent of Agenda** – Motion made by James Richard, seconded by Raymond Medeiros to approve agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4) Approval of Minutes** – Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes of the February 6th, 2019 minutes stand approved by the committee as presented.
- 5) Old Business**
 - a. Discussion and voting on resultant motions to revise the Rhode Island Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols.

- i. A motion was made by Randy Watt, seconded by Bethany Gingerella to revise the protocols add the appropriate revisions necessary to address the scope of practice of the EMR and AEMT levels. The scope of practice at these levels will be consistent with the 2018 National EMS Scope of Practice Model. The EMR level will be addressed as a single protocol which outlines the scope permitted when operating at the EMR level.

ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously

- ii. A motion was made by John Potvin, seconded by Joseph DeAngelis to revise the following protocols to reflect the following changes:
 1. 2.08 Adult Respiratory Distress – remove all references to the administration of Terbutaline
 2. 2.10 Adult & Pediatric Diabetic Emergencies - remove all references to the administration of Dextrose 50% and Dextrose 25%
 3. 4.18 Adult & Pediatric Toxicological Emergencies - remove all references to the administration of Activated Charcoal and clarify the IV dose of Naloxone vs. IM/IN
 4. Shock Protocols - to clarify Push-Dose Pressors
 5. 9.00 Formulary – Revise/remove any medications effected by approved changes to the protocols.

ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously

- iii. A motion was made by John Potvin, seconded by Raymond Medeiros to revise 2.12 Adult Ischemic Stoke protocol to remove the 30-minute transport time limitation for transport of patients with a LAMS ≥ 4 direct to a Comprehensive Stroke Center and not to revise the protocol to allow transport of patients <4 to an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (as requested by Westerly Hospital).

**ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously
(Bethany Gingerella recused herself from the vote)**

- iv. A motion was made by John Pliakas, seconded by James Richard to add language to 3.03 Adult & Pediatric Cardiac Arrest to emphasize the use of BVM and/or SGA for airway management during cardiac arrest.

ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously

- v. A motion was made by Jason Rhodes, seconded by Bethany Gingerella to remove Endotracheal Intubation from the scope of

practice of the AEMT-C level providers and to revise protocols 7.03 Endotracheal Intubation, 5.01 Airway Management Adult & Pedi and 5.02 Failed Airway Adult & Pedi to remove any reference to Endotracheal Intubation at the AEMT-C level.

**ACTION - Motion was approved 6-4 by roll-call vote.
(Votes in the affirmative: Gingerella, DeAngelis, Pliakas, Rhodes, Roberts-Santana, Watt. Votes in the negative: Medeiros, Partington, Potvin, Richard)**

- b. Review and discuss any proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations for Emergency Medical Services
 - i. A motion was made by John Pliakas, seconded by Jason Rhodes, to remove the requirement for a Volumetric Burette from the minimum equipment list for all licensure levels.

ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously

6) New Business

- a. None

7) Good of the Order

- a. None

8) Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 13:04